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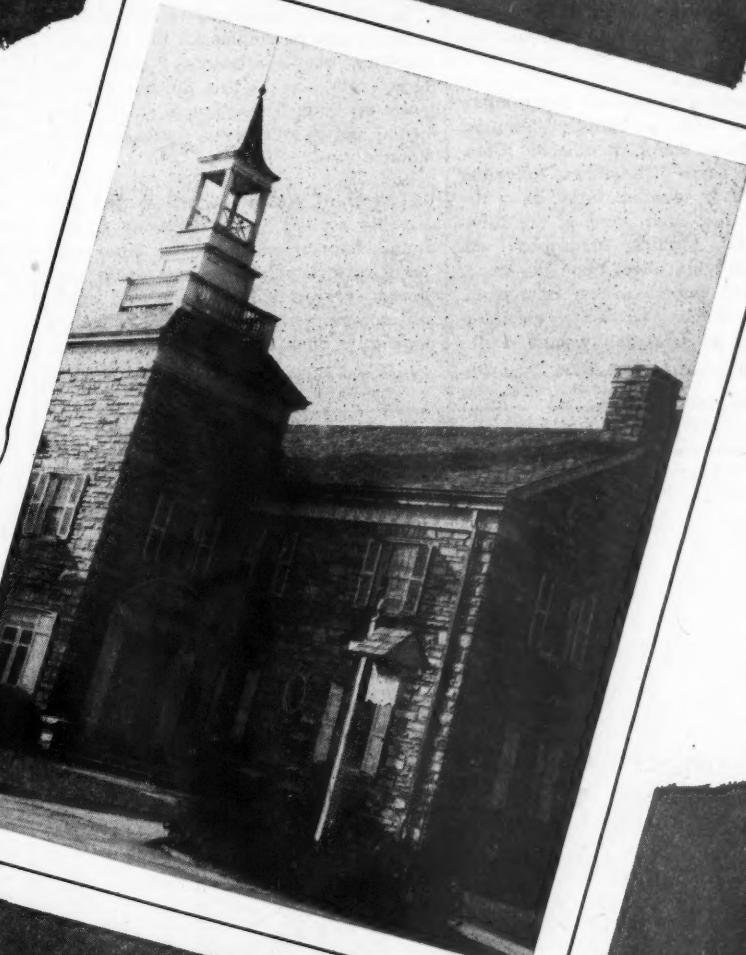
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A Great Russian Persecuted For Christ

PASTOR Basil A. Malof, the distinguished Russian Preacher and writer, whose ministry is internationally famous, symbolizes the plight of Christ's Cause under two political regimes—the Czarist and the Communist.

His trials and tribulations overlap from one into the other. The story of his life, as lived to this date is a narrative stranger than fiction. It shows unmistakably, that in the revolution of twenty-six years ago, the Russian people leaped from the frying pan into the fire!

The American people are being today bombarded with powerfully financed propaganda in favor of atheistic Communism. Some Christians, allowing their minds to wander, have been deceived by the siren song of the internationalists. Malof's biography will have a clarifying effect upon the thinking of every sincere seeker after truth, in the present maze created by conspirators who hate Christianity and desire

the destruction of the American way of life.

PRAYER FOR RUSSIA ANSWERED

Malof was born in the town of Talsi, province of Kurland, Russia . . . July 28, 1883. At the age of fifteen, upon hearing the claims of the Gospel faithfully presented, he accepted Christ as personal Saviour. He preached his first sermon a year later.

In 1903, he journeyed to London, beginning special studies for the Christian ministry at "Spurgeon's Pastors College." He was the first Russian ever to enter an English theological school, and at the end of four years, graduated with honors.

The great Welch Revival started during his second year. It made a profound impression upon his mind and heart, causing him to set aside two hours every day for prayer and spiritual communion with God. He preached regularly, often to Russian and Latvian

seamen along the London docks.

Prayer bands were organized for intercession on behalf of Russia, that the Country might be opened to the unhindered preaching of the Gospel. Then came a momentous development. Czar Nicholas issued the famous "Decree of Liberty of Conscience" in 1905. This was followed by a later "Decree of Liberty of Worship" in 1907. Young Malof shouted, "Praise God, a better day is dawning for Russia."

During those years, other Christian leaders were also turning their eyes toward Russia as a needy foreign mission field. For twenty years, Rev. E. A. Carter, founder and president of the Pioneer Mission in England, had prayed that a door would open into the Country. Dr. Archibald McCaig, principal of "Pastors College" . . . and Mr. Charles Phillips, a wealthy British business man, shared the same attitude.

These men invited Malof into a conference. Arrangements were made for him to return as a Missionary to his own people. He was ordained to the ministry at Spurgeon's London Tabernacle before leaving for home.

A YOUNG MAN AND HIS BIBLE

Malof reached the old city of St. Petersburg in the year 1907, plunged into his evangelistic labors, organized congregations, edited religious magazines, wrote books . . . and, in a word, started Gospel fires burning that soon became a spirited conflagration—sweeping on and on, over ever-widening areas, touching many parts of the vast Russian Empire.

This dynamic ministry attracted the attention of Christians all over the world, and Malof began to be called, "THE LUTHER OF RUSSIA."

But there were also evil forces at work in Russia at that time. Ominous signs were distinguishable on all sides. A spirit of unrest was seething beneath the surface. The international gangsters who later gave the Country a blood bath and took over the Government were conducting subterranean, subversive propaganda of the same type now being promoted in America. The Russian

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Prophecy And Atomic Power

By Rev. Gerald B. Winrod, D. D.

TECHNICAL students of Bible prophecy who read Professor Albert Einstein's analysis of scientific trends in the November issue of the Atlantic Monthly were deeply impressed.

While the personal, pro-Communist, political views of this German Jewish scientist are diametrically opposed to those of Christian Americans, yet because his ideas are geared to developments anticipated in prophetic Scripture, they command attention—which developments are moving steadily toward the REIGN OF ANTICHRIST.

Einstein says the type of atomic bombs already invented could destroy two-thirds of the human family in the event of another war . . . that only a system of WORLD GOVERNMENT under the control of the United States, Great Britain and Soviet Russia can reduce the peril of international suicide . . . that if such a World Government is not set up by agreement, it will come through a war of wars, ending in ONE SUPREME POWER dominating the entire face of the earth.

In a Foreword to the article, the editor of the magazine recounts that Einstein influenced Roosevelt toward financing the experiments which finally resulted in the release of atomic power. Reference is made to a letter which he sent the White House in 1939, predicting that uranium soon might be turned into "a new and important source of energy" leading to the construction of "extremely powerful bombs."

"The secret of the bomb should be committed to a WORLD GOVERNMENT and the United States should immediately announce its readiness to give it to a World Government," says Einstein.

"This government should be founded by the United States, Soviet Union and Great Britain—the only three powers with great military strength. All three should commit to this World Government all their military strength.

"Since the United States and Britain have the secret of the atomic bomb and the Soviet Union does not, they should invite the Soviet Union to prepare and present the first draft of a Constitution."

After the three powers have adopted this Soviet-created Constitution, or international blueprint of World Government, Einstein says, smaller nations should be invited to join. He would make this Super-State omnipotent in military and governmental affairs, clothed with authority to intervene in the internal problems of all nations, everywhere.

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THESE proposals sound like they might have been edited from the thirteenth chapter of the book of Revelation—a segment of Bible prophecy anticipating the establishment of an international totalitarian system during the end-time of this age, to be presided over by one man, the ANTICHRIST.

Both the man and the system will be destroyed by Christ's return and the inauguration of a theocratic Government . . . at which time "they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks: nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more."

Let it be noted that the foregoing Millennial conditions will be predicated upon the personal return of the Prince of Peace, whose person, precepts, teach-

ings and ideals, the nations are now on record as having definitely rejected. This action against God was officially taken at San Francisco, when, during the World Charter conference, prayer could not be offered for fear of offending the delegation of atheists from Moscow. Representatives from fifty nations were present, and the name of the Lord Jesus Christ could be spoken only in blasphemy.

The paradox is patent . . . frail, sinful, depraved, deluded human beings, arms raised in defiance against the God of the universe, trying to usher in an era of peace with the Prince of Peace excluded from the conference table!

Two passages of Scripture automatically present themselves to our thinking—one from the prophecies of Jeremiah, the other the book of Psalms:

"A noise shall come even to the ends of the earth; for the Lord hath a CONTROVERSY WITH THE NATIONS, he will plead with all flesh; he will give them that are wicked to the sword, saith the Lord."

"The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the Lord, and against his anointed. He that sitteth in the heavens SHALL LAUGH: the Lord shall have them in derision."

The humor of God can be both invigorating and tragic. The laughter announced in the prophetic Psalm just quoted, suggests cynicism and irony, rather than merriment. Because the nations have the audacity to conduct a world-wide rebellion against God, they will be allowed to exhaust themselves in the white fires of their own lusts. "He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh."

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The cup of indignation must soon overflow. Judgment is sure. Retribution for sins committed will bring about Tribulation described by our Lord in Matthew 24:21. "And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened."

Exactly such a system of World Government as Professor Einstein visualizes will exist, under the domination of ONE MAN, during the final, climactic period of this age. "For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be."

It is a solemn thought that one demon-possessed, sadist is destined to emerge from the chaos of the nations, holding the balance of military, economic, religious and political power. This fearful character is now in flesh and will be unveiled according to the schedule of end-time events. The world has never seen such a man. He will be the Devil's "Christ." No important detail regarding him, and his career, is omitted in prophetic Scripture.

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The Apostle Paul delineates his character as follows: "That day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and the MAN OF SIN be revealed the SON OF PERDITION; who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God . . . that Wicked, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming."

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TRY to visualize a composite man. I imagine the spirits of war lords, both living and dead, poured into one human body—thinking with one brain, looking through one pair of eyes, dwelling in one physical carcass, functioning through one personality.

Let the group inhabiting this body include Nimrod, the black autocrat of the Babel builders . . . Hammurabi, the

Babylonian law giver . . . Antiochus Epiphanes, the wild beast of the Holy Land . . . Alexander, the savage war lord of ancient Greece . . . Nero, the insane persecutor of the Christians . . . Napoleon, the military strategist . . . Lenin, Trotsky, Stalin, Mussolini, Hitler and Roosevelt.

Even such a personage would fail to adequately typify the Antichrist of prophecy as an intellectual, oratorical, military and political genius. One writer says: "In this masterpiece of Satan will be concentrated intellectual greatness, sovereign power and human glory, combined with every species of iniquity, pride, tyranny, wilfulness, deceit and blasphemy, such as Mohammed, the whole line of popes, atheists and deists of every age of the world have failed to unite in any individual person."

Revelation 13:4 describes the man for whom the stage of the nations is now being prepared, as the world's supreme military genius: "WHO IS LIKE UNTO THE BEAST? WHO IS ABLE TO MAKE WAR WITH HIM?" He will be the greatest killer the world has ever known, his chief occupation being murder. His father, Satan, "was a murderer from the beginning."

Eight verses farther down in this chapter, describes the use of atomic power as the secret of Antichrist's amazing military accomplishments. "And he doeth great wonders, so that he maketh FIRE come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men." Revelation 13:13.

Dr. James Strong defines the word "fire" in this passage as meaning "lightning." The original Greek is "pur." But a deeper meaning than either "fire" or "lightning" is suggested. The word translated "lightning" elsewhere in the New Testament is "astrap." By associating "pur" and "astrap," the following description of the source of Antichrist's military strength is compounded: "HE MAKETH A BRIGHT, SHINING BURNING FLASH COME DOWN FROM HEAVEN."

Persons who witnessed the dropping of the atomic bombs upon the Japanese cities, declared the sight resembled a lightning flash of unbelievable proportions and intensity. A Japanese soldier who saw the explosion said in a radio broadcast from Tokyo: "I looked up. A lightning flash covered the whole sky. All around I found dead and wounded. Bodies were bloated and burned with huge blisters. All vegetation perished."

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He based his prognosis, in part upon Revelation 13:13. He has preached and lectured extensively on this subject but there is a special reason why the above mentioned meeting lingers in his mind and the minds of those who were present.

Matter is composed of electrical charges. The material world is composed of these infinitesimal "building blocks" or energy bubbles. In the

Bible they are called "stones of fire." In the undefined eons of the eternal past, prior to the chemicalization of spiritual energies and the creation of the Adamic race, Satan occupied this planet and stood at the head of an organized kingdom of conscious, rational beings. He later led the great rebellion. His kingdom collapsed. He became the adversary of God.

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atomic energy . . . and in one of the chapters, he will say: "When I want to build a fire, I must get some substance that will burn, perhaps kindling wood. I must expose the substance to air. By striking a match, the air and burnable material produces what we call 'fire.' Both air and burnable material are essential.

"But the atom, Uranium 235, only needs to be exposed. There are flying through this earth, millions of neutrons, which will cause combustion of the atom, the instant it is released from the ore.

"You can put several grains of tobacco in a pipe. Light the pipe, puff a little and you will have a CHAIN OF FIRE. One grain will set another on fire, until the entire bowl full is burned. You might spill a few grains of tobacco on a table, separate them, light one grain, but it will not ignite the rest.

"If the atom stays concealed in the ore, and not exposed to neutrons, it remains safe. When one small atom is released, a neutron hits it and an explosion follows. The scientists had to pull the atoms out of the ore, wrap them up together and hold them, until ready for a neutron to come along and set off the package.

"By taking millions of these atoms and bundling them up into a little fist full, so to speak, they created a chain of fire. As one atom explodes, it explodes another and another and another, creating LIGHTNING OR A CHAIN OF FIRE."

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WE have found that the Greek word translated "fire" in Revelation 13:13 also means "lightning."

Dr. George Ricker Berry carries the same thought farther in his Interlinear Greek New Testament, of 1897. He says that "fire," in the passage under consideration, means "the heat of the Sun." It is not fire kindled on the earth, but heat energy pulled down from the Sun. A more perfect statement of the release and application of atomic power could not be given in any language.

Material substance as we know it on the surface of our earth, is composed of innumerable, infinitesimal "building blocks" or electronic bubbles. This energy, of which matter is produced, comes from the Sun. John the Revelator, on the Isle of Patmos, looked down the vista of the centuries and saw Satan's Man capture, and pull down, the heat energy of the Sun and harness it as an implement of war. At the same time, he heard the people of earth cry: "Who is

like unto the beast? Who is able to make war with him?"

The release of atomic energy as now practiced, is a negative operation motivated by the principle of Disintegration. What scientists have recently learned to do imperfectly, the Sun has been doing since God first spoke it into existence: namely, consuming atoms, and turning material substance back into energy. But God alone can do the opposite—create according to the principle of Integration.

The sorcery performed by the seed and the Sun in creating spirit energy from which animate and inanimate life comes forth, is a secret that remains locked in the heart of God.

That human beings have produced, in the atomic bomb, a Frankenstein monster that may destroy them, the whole world knows. Consequently, people everywhere are frightened. Even Einstein is compelled to admit: "I have to say for the present it is a menace."

Testifying, October 8th as a witness before joint hearings of the Senate Military and Commerce committees, Dr. Irving Langmuir said . . . science is rushing forward so fast, that within a few short years, a button pushed in Russia

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might destroy EVERY LIVING BEING IN THE UNITED STATES.

Dr. Langmuir is a General Electric physicist. He also stated: "I believe Russia is planning to embark on a program of scientific research and development greater than contemplated by any other government."

The following Associated Press dispatch came by wire from Washington, October 17th: "Overnight slaughter of 40-million American citizens and 'virtual destruction of this country' were described by atom bomb makers today as possibilities of the terrible new weapon.



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Both were seen as conceivable should war break out again in a distrustful family of nations. The scientists, Dr. J. R. Ippenheimer of the New Mexico laboratories of the bomb-making project and Dr. H. J. Curtis of the Oak Ridge plants, testified at the Senate committee hearings.

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THE twenty-first chapter of Luke contains Christ's own description of events to transpire during the period immediately preceding His return. Toward the close of the chapter, we read:

"And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and waves roaring; MEN'S HEARTS FAILING THEM FOR FEAR, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken."

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"Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is." I John 3:2.

"For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord." Romans 8:38-39.

(Note: Our earth will, at a later time, undergo a complete baptism by fire . . . when, according to Peter's prophecy "the elements shall melt with fervent heat" and "the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved." This manifestation of atomic power will be discussed in the December Defender—God so willing.)

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And for the thunder calls.

We thank Thee for the flowers that grow,
And for their fragrance sweet,
We thank Thee for the sunset glow,
And for the fields of wheat.

We thank Thee for the shady nook,
Where birds and children play,
We thank Thee for the rippling brook,
And for its music gay.

We thank Thee for the mountains tall,
And for the valleys deep,
We thank Thee for the trees, though small
And grass to feed the sheep.

We thank Thee for Thy chastening pain,
Where crickets sing their song,
We thank Thee for Thy chastening pain,
Which helps our faith along.

We thank Thee, Father, for the good
Received through every test,
We thank Thee, also, for the food,
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Someone has said a thankful heart is a happy heart. Gratitude for God's goodness is a requisite of true worship. Merely meditating upon His love will cause the heart to become vibrant with gratitude. Unthankfulness is a mean sin, well described by Shakespeare:

Blow, blow, thou winter wind, thou art not so unkind
As base ingratitude.
Freeze, freeze, thou winter sky that doth not bite so nigh,
As benefits forgot.

I . . . DANIEL

(A Prayer of Personal Gratitude.)

Nebuchadnezzar, King of Babylon, had a dream which he could not recall. Yet, knowing it had a deep meaning, he summoned the court magicians, ordering them to refresh his memory and give the interpretation. Failure to comply with the provisions of the royal edict, meant death for those to whom the task was delegated. Persons of superior intelligence were ordered slain through-

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out the kingdom. When Daniel and his three companions were arrested and informed as to the reason for the hasty decree, he sought an audience with the King, asking for a little time, promising to reveal the dream and interpret it. He then asked the others to pray while he sought guidance from above.

"Then was the secret revealed to Daniel in a night vision. Then Daniel blessed the God of heaven. Daniel answered and said, Blessed be the name of God for ever and ever: for wisdom and might are his: I thank thee, O thou God of my fathers, who hast given me wisdom and might, and hast made known unto me now what we desired of thee: for thou hast made known unto us the king's matter."

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II . . . ANNA

(A Prayer of Personal Gratitude.)

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Jerusalem. Anna, the aged prophetess, "coming in at that instant gave thanks likewise unto the Lord, and spake of him to all them that looked for redemption in Jerusalem."

III . . . JESUS

(Prayers of Personal Gratitude.)

Many incidents in the ministry of Jesus are made richer and more meaningful because of His spirit of thankfulness. If our Lord, the second person of the eternal Trinity, found it appropriate to express thanks and acknowledge benefits from the hand of the Heavenly Father, should we not do likewise?

When the Master took the loaves and fishes, He gave thanks before breaking and distributing the food to the multitude. Again, when the Seventy brought back a good report from their missionary tour, "In that hour Jesus rejoiced in spirit, and said, I thank thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent, and hast revealed them unto babes; even so, Father: for so it seemed good in thy sight."

Before raising Lazarus, "Jesus lifted up his eyes, and said, Father I thank thee that thou hast heard me. And I know that thou hearest me always: but because of the people which stand by I said it, that they may believe that thou hast sent me. And when he had thus spoken, he cried with a loud voice, Lazarus, come forth. And he that was dead came forth."

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(Prayers of Personal Gratitude.)

The Apostle Paul prayed without ceasing. His letters abound with expressions of gratitude. He wrote the Romans: "I thank my God through Jesus Christ for you all, that your faith is spoken of throughout the whole world." To the Corinthians: "I thank my God always on your behalf." To the Philippians: "I thank my God upon every remembrance of you." To Timothy: "And I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who hath enabled me, for that he counted me faithful, putting me into the ministry."

When shipwrecked Paul, having assured the crew that everyone would be saved, "Took bread, and gave thanks to God in the presence of them all." When met outside Rome by a group of Brethren Paul "saw, thanked God and took courage."

V . . . LUTHER

(A Prayer of Personal Gratitude.)

Centuries later, another man of faith, stood before his adversaries and cried, "Here I stand. I cannot do otherwise. So help me God. Amen!" An edict went into effect at once, making Martin Luther an outlaw in his nation to the end of his days. He became a man without a country, which meant anyone could kill him without being prosecuted for the crime. Leaving the council chamber, he exclaimed: "If I had a thousand heads I would rather have them all cut off than revoke."

Luther lived many years, suffering ill health, but continuing his work until the end. Finally he breathed a prayer: "I thank Thee, O God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, that Thou hast revealed Thy Son to me, on Whom I have believed. Whom I have loved. Whom I have preached and confessed and worshipped." With this prayer of gratitude on his lips the great reformer slipped into eternity.

VI . . . LEVITES

(A Prayer of National Gratitude.)

Early in the history of Israel, provision was made for the spiritual needs of mankind. The Tabernacle was built, the Levitical priesthood inaugurated, and sacrifices appointed. In the seventh chapter of Leviticus, instructions were given regarding a Thanksgiving offering: "The sacrifices of peace offerings which he shall offer unto the Lord. If he offer it for a thanksgiving, then he shall offer with the sacrifice of thanksgiving."

Here is the first direct association of

Thanksgiving with peace. To be thankful for blessings and to recognize God as the Giver of all good, will prevent fear, the antithesis of peace.

VII . . . DAVID

(A Prayer of National Gratitude.)

When the Tabernacle was brought into Jerusalem, David proclaimed a na-

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tional feast to establish the worship of God in a permanent location. "Then they brought the ark of God, and set it in the midst of the tent that David pitched for it: and they offered burnt sacrifices and peace offerings before God. And he appointed certain of the

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There are 150 chapters in the Psalms, and David was responsible for at least 72 of the total number. Many are filled with praise, adoration and gratitude for blessings past and future. Not a few begin with "Praise ye the Lord," and "O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is good: Let the redeemed of the Lord say so." The book closes with a grand paean of praise, "Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord. Praise ye the Lord!"

Before the end of his life, David called the people together, informing them that God had chosen Solomon heir to the Throne. He admonished Solomon to be a faithful servant, and gave him the Temple plans. It was a time of rejoicing, ending with a prayer by David. This is an example of the way in which a good ruler may bring blessing to posterity.

VIII . . . COLONISTS

(*Prayers of National Gratitude.*)

A humble, God-fearing people, grateful for a new home where they could worship God according to the dictates of conscience assembled along the Atlantic seaboard to thank Him for His goodness. Although surrounded by savages and enduring hardships, the governor of Plymouth Colony proclaimed a day of Thanksgiving, recognizing the principles which make a nation great: "Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord. Behold the eye of the Lord is upon

them that fear him to deliver their soul from death, and to keep them alive in famine."

The American people are a favored people. Historical events disclose the hand of a guiding Providence, from the hour when Columbus changed his course following the land birds to San Salvador, taking Latin civilization southward. North America was thus reserved for an entirely different type of emigrant. To our shores came sturdy northern peoples, possessing true faith in God, and love for His Word . . . taking the Bible for their guide . . . and using it for a foundation, they build the greatest nation ever known on this earth.

From France came the Huguenots who settled in Florida. England provided men and women whose stated objective was to "easily, quickly, and perfectly search out the passage to China, and to enlarge the glory of the Gospel by planting sincere religion in America."

Among those dissatisfied by religious conditions in the old world, were the Puritans. They believed that the Bible, rather than civil rulers, should chart the course of conscience and worship. They were called Puritans because of their desire to restore and practice the pure, primitive, New Testament Christianity. One group left England and lived, for a time, in Holland. Determined to seek a home on the new continent, they sailed in 1620 from England. Before going ashore at Plymouth Rock, these good people drew up the Mayflower Compact, a covenant containing a statement of the principles upon which the Constitution of the United States was later based.

Another group of English immigrants was known as Quakers, or Friends. They obtained Pennsylvania as a land grant. Being opposed to ecclesiastical domination, they believed the Holy Spirit should be the Christian's guide. They opposed war and enjoyed many years of peace while their neighbors constantly fought with the Indians.

From this rugged racial and religious background, there emerged a great Nation . . . a Country of whom we sing:

A beautiful for pilgrim feet,
Whose stern, impassion stress,
A thoroughfare for freedom built
Across the wilderness.

On that first Thanksgiving Day, less than half the number who had disembarked from the Mayflower ten months earlier, lived to attend. But gratitude filled the hearts of the 53 white settlers and the 91 Indians—who were invited guests. They sang and prayed, played games and ran races, feasted on fruits, vegetables and meat provided by all, and in mutual friendship fear vanished for a time. Other Thanksgiving Days were designated by Governors and Presidents, but it remained for President Lincoln to establish it as a National festival to be observed each year during the latter part of November.

IX . . . WASHINGTON

(*A Prayer of National Gratitude.*)

The first Presidential Proclamation for the observance of Thanksgiving Day, was issued by George Washington, who said in part:

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may then all unite in rendering unto Him our sincere and humble thanks."

X . . . THE REDEEMED

(A Prayer of Gratitude for Life Eternal.)

The greatest of all Thanksgivings is yet future. Revelation 7:9-12 describes the event as follows: "After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb. And all the angels stood round about the throne, and fell before the throne on their faces, and worshipped God, saying, Amen: Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honor, and power, and might, be unto our God for ever and for ever. Amen!"

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Congressmen Gearhart and Keele have just located Captain Kramer in a psychopathic hospital ward outside Washington, "browbeaten into mental ill health by officers seeking to make him change his testimony." Being in charge of Naval intelligence, Kramer had warned Secretary of Navy Knox, the exact time and place the Japs would deliver their blow.

Secretary of War Stimson has added to his infamy by sending a Colonel around the world, in the hope that various army witnesses who testified before the Pearl Harbor board of inquiry, would change their stories previously given under oath. It is also known that important records have disappeared.

No wonder a member of the White House "palace guard" approached a certain distinguished Senator, prior to the last election, and frantically begged him to accept second place on the Democrat ticket (before Mr. Truman was chosen), saying in substance: "We must win this election. If we lose, the winners will have enough on us to send all of us to jail."

The Truth About Pearl Harbor

An influential American newspaper closed a November 9th, editorial with the startling demand that every living conspirator of the Roosevelt group, participating in the Pearl Harbor plot, be subjected to criminal prosecution. The article concluded:

"The story of Pearl Harbor is the blackest page of American history. Nothing is left now but for Congress to impeach all still living, who may have played a guilty part, and bring them to bar."

Three days before this editorial, Congressman Gearhart tore to shreds the Roosevelt-imposed curtain of secrecy . . . and laid bare the most ghastly conspiracy ever perpetrated against any nation by its leaders. He, a member of the Congressional investigating committee charged with fixing responsibility for the tragedy, read before Congress a score of code messages between Tokyo and Washington, Berlin and Honolulu.

Our intelligence department cracked the Japanese code November 5, 1941—over a month before the Pearl Harbor attack. Thus, Roosevelt and his "palace guard" knew everything the Japs were saying between themselves. They knew how to spurn every gesture of friendship . . . how to maneuver Japan into the position of striking . . . when and where the attack would take place.

Mr. Gearhart says this vital information was "purposely withheld" from Admiral Kimmel and General Short. In order for the betrayers to carry out their demoniacal scheme, they had to appear taken by surprise. No matter that 5,000 unsuspecting American men in uniform would be slaughtered and most of the Pacific fleet destroyed!

On December 5, 1941—two days before the attack, Washington heard the fatal Japanese code words for which Roosevelt was waiting: "EAST WIND RAIN." Three messages have been spread on the pages of the Congressional Record proving he knew the attack would be at Pearl Harbor. Then the Japanese ambassador at Washington received orders from Tokyo to make a final effort to pacify Roosevelt. This message reached the White House before the Japs completed their translation—with the result, November 26th, Cordell Hull greeted the ambassador with an ultimatum when the latter reached the State Department.

The concluding message from Tokyo intercepted by our intelligence forces instructed the Japanese envoys to present their reply to Hull's ultimatum at exactly 1 p. m. Washington time, December 7th. That was sunrise in Hawaii—the hour of attack, known to Roosevelt from other code messages.

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Entitled "Adventure Stories from Bible Days," at first glance the cartoon resembles the familiar adventure "comic strip" of the Sunday newspaper. Occupying a full page in each of the above story papers and printed in two colors, it immediately strikes the eye with the movement of its characters as they dramatically portray the story in picture form. But look a bit closer—read the dialog and you will see that this is a different kind of a picture, telling a new kind of story. In fact, there is no picture strip quite like it in any other publication, religious or secular.

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This is, in fact, the major function of the strip—to illustrate the theme or topic of the Sunday School lesson for the following week, and thus stimulate the pupil's interest in the lesson and increase curiosity and desire to learn more about it.

Bible background and dress and customs are authentically pictured but neither God nor Jesus, nor any of the important Biblical figures are ever shown, though frequently referred to in conversation between characters. This is one important way in which the drawing differs from other Bible picture strips. The reasons why it was decided not to show these Biblical figures are many; but chief among them is the fact that they could not be truthfully pictured in what is of course an imaginative setting among mythical characters.

It was not without some doubts that the conservative David C. Cook Publishing Company introduced "Adventure Stories from Bible Days," into their Sunday School story papers. For one thing, it was realized that sentiment against the so-called "comic strips," as they appear in the daily newspapers and book form, is strong in many adult circles . . . and it was feared that any medium with the same general appearance, might be liable to the same criticism, regardless of its high purpose.

But many considerations weighed in favor of such a presentation as a Sunday School lesson teaching aid. Children and young people apparently would rather read a story in picture strip style

than any other form. It seemed only logical to go a step further and use this reader interest to teach, as well as entertain. Furthermore, educators know that young people think mostly in terms of pictures, and remember far better what they learn through the eye than the ear.

It was these considerations, backed by the resounding approval of over 1,000 Sunday School teachers who received a preliminary test mailing of the strip, that caused the Cook Publishing Company to decide in favor of adding "Adventure Stories from Bible Days" to their long list of teaching helps. And the prompt enthusiasm with which it has been welcomed by parents and teachers, as well as young people, has banished any lingering doubts that might have remained concerning its place as a teaching tool in the story papers.

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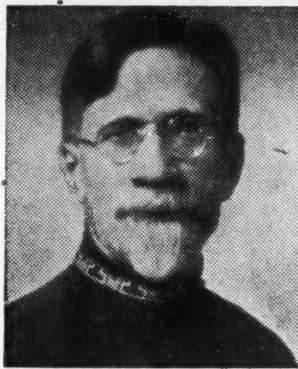
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THE MOST STRIKING of all comments on Mr. Truman's Navy Day speech came from Congressman Cox of Georgia: "The President is clicking. The speech did not come a minute too soon, for millions were beginning to wonder if the appeasement of Russia would ever stop—if we were going to continue to help her loot and enslave the rest of the world. It should put some iron in the blood of his anemic and colorless State Department."

NASTY DIGS AT TRUMAN

MR. TRUMAN inherited an ugly situation from his predecessor. His policies, since the day he moved into the White House, have been at variance with the left-wing, Communistic groups who wielded a scepter of power for twelve, long, miserable years.

The President is an active Christian layman and firm believer in the deity of the Lord Jesus Christ. Communism is anti-Christ. He believes in the American system of free enterprise. The New Deal, being the American arm of the International Communist conspiracy, was committed to the policy of collectivism. The Communist "Daily Worker," Marshall Field publications, and other sections of the radical press are taking regular shots, releasing poison arrows, at the President. THIS IS THE BEST RECOMMENDATION HE COULD POSSIBLY HAVE TO HONEST, STRAIGHT-THINKING, CHRISTIAN AMERICANS.

The nasty digs of Drew Pearson and Walter Winchell (whose writings show them to be a pair of dangerous Russo-

A FACTUAL ANALYSIS

philes), serve as an index to the attitude of left-wing elements toward men, issues and trends in our Country. It is interesting to watch these men from day to day, as they deposit bits of poison in the public mind, designed to discredit Mr. Truman and make him appear ridiculous before the public:

Says Winchell: "Secret Servicemen traveling with Truman (notice he omits the prefix President, or Mr.) now worry twice. Safeguarding him and themselves. The President has the charming habit of landing in any cornfield in the South—good-will stuff."

Says Pearson: "When the President made his big point, not a single hand was lifted in applause."

Says Winchell: "Truman chirped."

Says Pearson: "Mrs. Roosevelt is certainly still the most forthright lady ever to live in the White House." Use of the word "still" shows this to have been intended as a dig at Mrs. Truman.

Says Winchell: "He is left-handed."

Says Pearson: "General George C. Marshall, Ghost-Writer General, wrote most of President Truman's speech . . . In recent years Marshall's prophecies have been 100 per cent wrong."

After further venting his spleen upon the General, Pearson seeks to cast both men in an utterly ridiculous role: "President Truman was in his best form at the reserve officer's dinner in honor of General George Marshall. The President spoke very simply. To the star-studded audience of famous generals, Truman said: 'General Marshall is my idea of a leader, and I consider myself something of a judge on that.' Then he went on to reveal that he has studied IN HIS SPARE TIME the lives of Hannibal, Genghis Khan and Napoleon."

Whom the left-wingers cannot completely dominate, down to smallest decisions and details, they smear! And they have never shown themselves to be particular about the methods used in destroying men marked for annihilation.

UNDERMINING THE CHURCH

FORMER Unitarian Preacher L. M. Birkhead and his assistant in operating the alleged "Friends of Democracy," Rex Stout . . . the group responsible for financing the smear book "Under Cover," now demand that the Lutheran Hour, greatest Christian network on earth, be discontinued. Rev. Walter A. Maier, who preaches on this hour, is one of the mightiest voices for God ever heard in the history of the Church.

Destructive forces in America, who hate the Lord Jesus Christ and His Church, are spending millions to undermine the Christian Faith. Will Pastors manifest courage in this crucial hour, or retrench, back up and become victims of an inferiority complex?

Claude Williams, former head of Communist Commonwealth College of Mena, Arkansas, now directs the "People's Institute of Applied Religion," with headquarters in Detroit. He is a popular favorite with Winchell, Browder, et al.

When interviewed recently, he said, "Yes, I am a Communist—a Communist for Christ." When asked about Christ, he said: "I don't know whether He ever lived and I don't care."

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"The wise shall understand."

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In his office he has the picture of Jesus on one wall and the picture of Lenin on the other. All Communist party leaders support his activities. At the same time, he is on the payroll of the Presbyterian Home Mission Board.

—Western Voice.

RIGHTS OF REAL AMERICANS

SENATOR George Spelvin, American, was sitting in his office easing the feet on the desk after a hard day of fighting for the good old sacred heritage from Valley Forge, when his secretary, Eddie Which, came in and said there was a bunch of PAC's and Communists in the outside office wanting to chase 'im over some jumps.

Spelvin is not quite sure how he became a Senator but, you know how it is in a dream when you are finding nickels and dimes or mowing the lawn for no reason, and then all of a sudden he was Senator Spelvin, and this bunch filed into his office raising a big holler.

Spelvin got up and brushed the ashes off his vest and there, first in front of him, was Hillman. Beside Hillman was Mike Quill of the bus drivers and subway unions, and a lot of well-known red-hot Commies and a colored fellow who kept his hat on and spat on the floor.

"Senator," Hillman began, "on behalf of the foreign-born and other down-trodden minorities we demand that you state your position in regard to a number of—"

That touched Spelvin off.

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"I will state my position, and first off, my downtrodden colored friend, you spit on that floor again and I will rub your nose in it, because it is scum like you that are causing trouble between white and colored, and I don't want your vote and I would be ashamed of myself if I ever got it, and the same goes for the whole PAC, and you can tell Mrs. Roosevelt I said so.

"I happen to have quite a few colored friends and they have the same opinion, so don't try to tell me that you came here to speak for 6,000,000 colored voters, because you only represent the very lowest riff-raff of your race and one week you are yelling because you want the DAR to let some live piano player hit cross-handed blue licks in Constitution Hall and next week you want to put on a kootch on the altar of the cathedral, because it is tax-exempt and therefore a public institution.

"You may show your dirty Communist manners in Mrs. R.'s home, but I am a little particular, myself, and if you are telling me 'The Gab' is your great, sympathetic friend, why let me ask you how many colored people did you ever see working around the White House when she was there except porters and pot-wallopers, but I mean colored secre-

SAYS ARTHUR SEARS HENNING in a dispatch from Washington: "Cancelling almost all of his scheduled out of town trips for the next five weeks, President Truman has plunged into official business. The move was widely interpreted as signifying the emergence of a new Truman who, aroused by unfavorable public reaction . . . is determined to buckle down to business and, casting off the mantle of Roosevelt be President in his own right."

taries, and that goes for Hyde Park, too? And the answer is you never saw any.

"You want to know how I stand on minority rights and you couldn't have picked out a better man to ask than George Spelvin, American.

"My position is that minorities have no more rights than the native American and yet every week in New York we see that poor Tom Dewey traipsing down from Albany to stand in the reviewing coop with O'Dwyer and Goldstein and Wagner and LaGuardia for a parade of Croatians or Bessarabians or Latvians because they are minorities and he is afraid if he don't show up and waste a day's time from his job you are going to spread a stink that he is anti-Bessarabian, whereas my policy is America for Americans and Bessarabia means nothing to me.

"I am hoping for the day when it will be possible for a native American to get elected mayor of New York because this year the poor oppressed foreign-born minorities they have got two candidates in O'Dwyer and Goldstein and Wagner in the Senate and everybody in the

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"My slogan is going to be equal rights for downtrodden native Americans and equal rights for anti-Communists, too, and, of course, that makes me a Fascist but I happen to know that there are several million Hoosiers and Jayhawkers and Buckeyes in New York and native Americans from Texas, Minnesota, Nebraska, California, and the Dakotas and all over and yet if we should get up a parade why the PAC would holler for the mayor not to give us a permit because we are un-American and the colored people in our parade would be called Fascist stooges and Uncle Toms and Aunt Jemimas just because they believe in the United States and good manners and equal rights for white people, too. And Dewey would hide in a hat closet so nobody would suspect him of friendship with us and O'Dwyer and Goldstein and Wagner and 'The Belly' would call on the foreign-born to remain calm and show their wonderful Americanism by not throwing rocks and rotten eggs at the low-down un-American natives.

"So now get out of here and don't forget anything I have said because it will make me a great guy with the native-born anti-Communist majority including colored, and next election they will probably elect me President.

"Eddie," Senator Spelvin called to Mr. Which, "for goodness sake let's open the

windows and give the place some clean air."

—By Westbrook Pegler . . . Reprinted from the Congressional Record.

Editorial Jottings

In a letter to the Laymen's National Committee at New York, President Truman emphasizes the necessity of greater interest in Bible reading among the American people "to bring about more sober realization of spiritual values." He said: "All world issues could be solved if men and nations would accept the teachings of the Ten Commandments or the Sermon on the Mount."

Secretary of State Byrnes' remark during his broadcast from New York, October 31st, was prophetic: "There must be one world for all of us or there will be no world for any of us." A ONE WORLD SYSTEM is on the way. It will be presided over by the Antichrist whose career is delineated in the thirteenth chapter of the Apocalypse.

Former Congressman Stephen A. Day, falsely smeared in the book "Under Cover," announces that he will seek re-election to his old seat, from the State of Illinois, next year. In his formal announcement, he asks: "What has made us strong? Was it Socialism? Was it Communism? We all know it was Americanism based upon the Constitution and free enterprise. I want to see a revival of true Americanism . . ."

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The lengthy statement by John T. Flynn in the October Defender, exposing Roosevelt's Pearl Harbor plot which sacrificed 5,000 American lives, was taken from pages A4147 to A4152 . . . of the Congressional Record, dated September 12, 1945. Persons unable to secure extra copies of this Defender, due to the heavy demand, will find the text of Mr. Flynn's article in the Record.

Since it became impossible to furnish sample copies of the October Defender to all desiring them, many friends will be glad to know that the gist of Dr. Winrod's article on "Satan and the Mystery of the Atom" is available in his new book . . . entitled, "ANTICHRIST AND THE ATOMIC BOMB."

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1945. Representative John E. Rankin said: "Those of you who listened to the attack on the Committee on Un-American Activities by Walter Winchell last night, must have been reminded of what a great newspaperman said once, when a complaint against one of his exposures came from an unexpected source. He said: 'A farmer stuck a pitchfork through a bin. One prong of the fork went

through a rat. The rat squealed.' The Committee on Un-American Activities is the grand jury of America. It represents the patriotic law-abiding people of this country. Our country is in graver danger from within today than it is from without. A wave of syndicalism is sweeping over the land, stirring up strife. They are not only carrying on their subversive plots against this Government but are using

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the radio, the motion-picture shows, and certain elements of the press to spread their poisonous propaganda. They want to get rid of the Committee on Un-American Activities because our investigators are checking up on them and exposing their activities to the world."

Antichrist And Self

Mrs. Theodora Gordon Hall . . . Fitchburg, Massachusetts

THERE has been much discussion together with many differences of opinion regarding the person and nationality of the coming Antichrist. The writer of this article would like to approach the subject from an entirely different angle and show what seems to be a natural sequence in his nationality, personality and heredity.

To rightly trace the origin of the Man of Sin, the same as tracing the origin of the Lord Jesus Christ, we must begin with Genesis, the book of beginnings. Two parallel lines come down across the centuries—one converging upon a final conflict between Christ and Antichrist . . . the other reflected in the conflict of the two natures in mankind.

We find both Christ and Antichrist in typology throughout the Old and New Testaments. They represent the two opposing forces which fight, not only for control of the world, but also to control individual lives.

TWO BLOOD-LINES

Two blood-lines converge upon the two Christs of the end-time. These two lines are also shown to be typical of the two natures. (See Galatians 4:19-31.)

In Genesis 3:15 God addresses Satan as follows: "I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel."

Two personalities are here mentioned. From later accounts, (notably Genesis 25:23), it is evident that each of these two people, Eve and Satan, are heads of

nations. From these nations come two seeds or blood-lines . . . and from these avenues are individuals having two natures. Does it not seem reasonable to infer from this, one of the most wonderful promises in the Bible, called by some "the Gospel in embryo," that two personalities should flower at last, namely Christ and Antichrist—God incarnate and Satan incarnate?

Let us ask ourselves why these two lines are so carefully traced and preserved throughout the whole Bible, unless it is that we should be warned and fortified to recognize the Son of Perdition and reject him when he appears, and to recognize the true Messiah and coming King.

Has Satan, the enemy of our souls, who wishes us to accept his man, kept us in the dark regarding his blood-line and his seed, even though we recognize well enough the line of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ? Why, otherwise, has the seed of Satan, as presented in

Scripture, been so consistently ignored?

Even as Antichrist is to precede Christ, so his genealogy precedes Christ's genealogy. Antichrist is Satan's best offering, even as our Lord Jesus Christ is God's beloved Son, in whom He is well pleased.

SEED OF THE WOMAN

There were two trees in the garden of Eden. Two kinds of life were set before the first pair. They could either partake of the tree of Life and receive the nature of God, or the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, and partake of the nature of Satan.

Notice in the description of the other trees of the garden and the tree of Life, nothing is said about their conferring knowledge . . . although the two stated characteristics of the tree of Life are similar to those of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. (Compare Genesis 2:9, and Genesis 3:6).

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faith, not reason, and remain dependent on Him for guidance—not on personal knowledge of good and evil. Just how faulty this knowledge is, time has abundantly proved. Our judgment and estimate of ourselves is ever hopelessly inaccurate, to say nothing of sitting in judgment of others. This inveterate tendency to judge others is our heritage from the Fall. Shall we not get a new insight from these Scriptures into God's estimate of this heinous original sin? (1 Corinthians 4:3-7).

The seat of the reason is in that part of man's tripartite nature designated as the soul, likewise called the flesh, the old nature, the psychic nature (in Jude 19, the Greek word for "sensual" is psychic). It is that part of human nature that loves, hates and desires. It is the seat of the will, mind and knowledge—knowledge being an attribute of the soul, as faith is an attribute of the spirit. Genesis 3:17 leaves no doubt that this soulish nature was chiefly concerned in the Fall, being most radically affected by impartation of the nature of Satan.

The first man born after the Fall was

Cain, and we are told that he was "of that wicked one." (1 John 3:12). He was first in the line of Satan's seed, the line which must culminate in the Antichrist.

We pause here to remind ourselves to differentiate between the child of God and the child of the Devil, remembering that all are not the children of God. In John 8:70 we read, "One of you is a devil." Christ says in John 8:44, "Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do." Again we read in 1 John 3:10, "In this the children of God are manifest, and the children of the devil: whosoever doeth not righteousness is not of God, neither he that loveth not his brother." "He that committeth sin is of the devil."

Cain and Abel then are the first generation, so to speak, of the two seeds promised in Genesis 3:15. The bruising of the heel of Eve's seed, and the bruising of the head of Satan's seed, are both pictured all through the Bible, as if to keep the reader mindful of this great promise and its ultimate, absolute fulfillment.

It seems evident that somehow Eve transmitted the life of God to her descendants, since she was called the

"mother of all living." Dr. Katharine C. Bushnell, in her excellent work on "God's Word to Woman," believes this must mean that Eve was the mother of the spiritually living, and calls attention to the fact that she was not described as having been driven out of the garden when Adam was . . . although she must have followed him at a later date.

Dr. Bushnell thinks Eve repented, since the Bible states that she was "deceived in it" (1 Timothy 2:14), and not willfully involved. She may have eaten of the tree of life during the interim after Adam left the garden. There could have been no enmity between her and Satan, unless she had repented and been spiritually quickened. Only then could she take a place on the side of her Redeemer. This would account for the fact that her seed, and not Adam's, was to bring in the Coming One. Satan therefore sought to destroy the holy seed after that time.

BLOWS ON THE HEAD

This enmity came to a head in the time of Abraham and Ishmael. The latter was born because of unbelief, from fleshly desire, impatience, and unwillingness to wait for God to fulfill His promise of an heir. When the child of promise came, there was war between them, and in Galatians 4:22-33 this is shown to be a type and picture of the contention between the old and new natures of the believer; also between the man born of the flesh and the man born of the Spirit.

In Esau's case we again see contention. Even before birth, Jacob and Esau struggled, and when Rebekah asked the reason, the Lord explained that two nations and two manner of people would be born. (Genesis 25:23). This typified the new natures of the future Christian believer. Esau was born first and he was red and hairy, a man of the earth. Jacob took hold of Esau's heel—surely an intimation of the prophecy of Genesis 3:15 that "he shall bruise thy heel." Had Esau not bartered away his place, he would have been of the line to have his heel bruised rather than his head crushed, a superficial injury rather than a fatal one.

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17:8-16 where the descendants of Ishmael, the Amalekites, fought the descendants of Isaac. Turning to Exodus 17:14-16, we find God pronouncing an ultimatum: "I will utterly put out the remembrance of Amalek from under heaven," and, "The Lord will have war with Amalek from generation to generation." In the Hebrew is inserted the phrase, rather cryptically, to show, perhaps, how subtle and hidden is the self-life, "Because of the hand upon the throne of Jah." That is what the old nature aspires to, nothing less than usurpation of the throne of God.

How in keeping with the declaration of Lucifer, "I will be like the most high," echoing the declaration in the garden of Eden, "Ye shall be as gods." In 2 Thessalonians 2:4 we see that Antichrist has the same spirit, for he will sit "in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God." All the sins of the flesh to which we are heir, boil down to this original sin, namely rebellion against God. Pride, conceit, critical spirit, jealousy, judging, self will, can be reduced to this common denominator.

In the book of Esther another member of this unholy strain stands forth—Haman, the son of Hammadatha, the Agagite. Here we have a striking picture of the Antichrist and his fate. Satan's head is to be bruised, and thus Antichrist's type hangs from a gallows. We are here reminded that the old nature must be crucified even as Haman was hanged.

Saul was likewise a type of the Man of Sin. David was not made king until his death. Saul, too, was hung on a wall by the Philistines and his head cut off and brought into the Temple of Dagon. Christ will not be crowned king until Antichrist is destroyed by the brightness of His coming. Christ cannot be crowned King in our hearts and lives until self is annihilated.

Goliath, with the six dimensions of his armor, offers another picture of the one associated with the mystical number 666. His demise was similar. The giant head was severed from the body and held up triumphantly before his enemies. "Thou shalt bruise his head" ... again!

Then there was Absolom, who was

caught in a tree by the hair of his head, and lastly, Judas, who went out and hanged himself.

Thus it is observed that all the types of Antichrist ARE IN A STRIKING MANNER PORTRAYED AS PERISHING BY A STROKE ON THE HEAD, while the types of Christ are never thus destroyed. In Revelation 13:3, we are told that one of the heads of the Beast will be wounded to death, a fitting typological climax to Genesis 3:15.

On the other hand, we can see more plainly why, when Christ was made sin for us, He had to hang upon a tree . . . and as Dr. Winrod has stated in one of his articles, there may have been a suggestion of the fulfilling of this same mighty promise in the nail-pierced feet, as well.

Does it not seem evident that the Antichrist will flower from the root formed back in Eden, considering his line is so clearly marked both by genealogy and type throughout the Bible? The Syrian Prince Baha may not be the man of destiny he claims to be, but it is interesting that his genealogy goes back to the line we have mentioned, as seems inevitable if he should become the Man of Sin. His line begins with Abraham, comes down through Ishmael, Esau, Nebuchadnezzar, Antiochus, Mohammed and the Sultan of Turkey, his father.

It is possible that Stalin of Russia has a similar pedigree, though no data on the subject is at hand. However it is well known that he is not Russian, but comes from Georgian stock, which is Asiatic rather than European. Certainly his appearance indicates his Asiatic extraction. As the Russians say, "Gruzinian."

MADAME GUYON'S VISION

Reading the autobiography of Mme. Guyon, the famous Christian mystic, the following incident seemed applicable to this study concerning the bruised heel and the crushed head—to show an unbroken connection between Genesis 3:15 and Revelation 12.

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awake, you showed me to myself under the figure of that woman of the Apocalypse, who has the moon under her feet, encircled with the sun; twelve stars upon the head, who being with child, cried in the pains of child-birth. You explained to me its mystery.

"You made me understand that the moon, which was under her feet, signified that my soul was above the vicissitudes and inconstancy of events; that I was surrounded and penetrated by yourself; that the twelve stars were the fruits of this state, and the gifts with which it was honored; that I was pregnant of a fruit, which was that spirit you wished me to communicate to all my children, whether in the manner I have mentioned, or by my writings; that the Devil was that terrible Dragon who would use his efforts to devour that fruit, and cause horrible ravages through all the earth, but that you would reserve this fruit of which I was full in myself, that it should not be lost—therefore have I confidence that, in spite of the tempest and the storm, all you have made me say and write will be preserved—that in the rage in which the Devil would be at not succeeding in the design he has conceived against this fruit he would attack me, and would send a flood against me to swallow me up; that this flood would be that of calumny, which would be ready to sweep me away, but the earth would open—that is to say, the calumny would little by little subside.

"You made me see, O my God, that you would give me millions of children that I should bring forth for you by the Cross. You made me know how the Devil was about to stir up against prayer a strange persecution, which would be the means you would make use of to establish it. You made me further know how you would lead me into the desert, where you would support me for a time, times and half a time; the wings which were to carry me were the utter abandonment of myself to your whole will and the love of that same will, and I see, O my God, already one part of what you made me know in course of accomplishment.

"During this illness, I was often at the point of death. One day when they

thought me almost well, at four o'clock in the morning, I perceived the Dragon, not under any form. I did not see him, but I was certain it was he. I had no fear, for, as I have said, I could not fear him, because my Lord protects me, and keeps me safe under the shadow of his wings. He emerged as if from the place between the side of my bed and the wall, and gave me a furious blow on the left foot. I was immediately seized with a great shivering, which lasted continuously four hours; it was followed by a very sharp fever. Convulsions seized me, and the side on which he had struck me was half dead.

"The attacks came every morning the same hour as the blow, and the convulsions increased in a marked way every day. Of the seventh day, after having been all the night sometimes without pulse and without speech, and sometimes a little better, in the morning, I felt the convulsions were coming on. I felt at the same time that life left the lower parts in proportion as the convulsions came higher; they fixed themselves in my entrails; I felt then very great pains and a movement in my entrails, as if I had thousands of children

who all moved at the same time. This lasted a very long time with extreme violence. Finally my heart began to be affected, and death was near.

"However a friend, who was with me, placed his hand on the coverlet on the region of my heart and told death to pass no further. Immediately the convulsions descended to the entrails again, and gradually to the place where the Dragon had struck, and this foot was the last revivified. For two months on that side a very great weakness remained, and even after I was better, and in a condition to walk, I could not support myself on that foot, which could hardly bear me."

CRUCIFIXION A NECESSITY

The writings of Mme. Guyon are classics on the death of the self-life. Her human existence was probably an unparalleled example of the means God can use to bring about such destruction, when He has a willing subject. Self is hateful to God, and its crucifixion is necessary if Christians are to reject Antichrist and receive the Lord Jesus Christ in the ominous, yet glorious, days ahead. Antichrist is self in fullest power. Only Christ can destroy Antichrist—Christ within, and Christ the coming King.

Self does not wish to be crucified, of course, and will always rise up in protest against such teachings. Nevertheless, the Cross is used of God to crush self. Antichrist will likewise fight to the bitter end but will be destroyed by the brightness of our Lord's appearing.

No one who has not experienced salvation, can have a Cross in the Scriptural sense of the word. Such persons have not yielded to the Holy Spirit whose task it is to destroy the self-life. Cross bearing is voluntary for the Christian, as it was for his Lord. We are admonished to take up our Cross, and this implies a voluntary action.

Paul could say, "I (self) am crucified with Christ; nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me." (Galatians 2:20)

However, the crucifixion of self is not pleasant. Indeed, it is an agonizing experience. It involves a constant volun-



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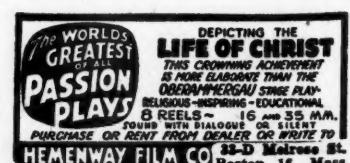
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tary crossing of our own wishes, desires and appetites. It means allowing the Holy Spirit to search out the hidden evidences of self and then subject us in various ways to a series of testings, trials and Crosses which bring about an experiential disinterest in the things we

once loved and cherished. These death pangs usher in a life, hidden with Christ in God which is fruitful, restful, deep and abidingly eternal.

O cross, that liftest up my head,
I dare not ask to fly from thee,

I lay in dust life's glory dead,
And from the ground there blossoms
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Life that shall endless be.

God's Purpose In Trials

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WHEN some people see the trials and afflictions which the righteous are required to pass through . . . they wonder WHY.

They ask: "If God is able, Why does He not protect His people?" And they sometimes reason further, that if the Heavenly Father can, but refuses to preserve His children . . . then, What profit is there in divine service? Altogether they think it STRANGE. But Peter reached a different conclusion:

"Beloved, think it not STRANGE concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some STRANGE thing happened unto you: But rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings; that, when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy."

It often happens that God does choose, in His infinite wisdom, to intercede for His children, and perform a miracle of deliverance. However, we have no promise that this will always be done. The eleventh chapter of Hebrews gives a record of the "trials of faith" of the righteous, from the time of Abel. The

history of the Dark Ages is replete with instances of "undelivered" heroes.

God is today calling upon many to pass through "fiery trials" and not think it strange; but rather rejoice, because in this way they share the sufferings of Christ. It is necessary to enter into His sufferings if we would, at a future time enter into His glory. There are some good and important things that can be learned only through suffering.

CHRIST SUFFERED AS OUR EXAMPLE

We live in a world cursed by sin and under the temporary domination of Satan. Christians are pilgrims. They suffer now and their rewards come later. In opposing sin, they provoke Satanic wrath and this tends to intensify suffering. This makes them the more precious in the sight of the Father above.

Sin, described as spiritual leprosy, is so terrible that it required the life of God's Son. A correct conception of the heinous nature of sin is essential to repentance and salvation. Now Christ, Who knew no suffering in the ivory

palaces, came and suffered for us . . . that we might in time to come, enter into His joy. But before we enter into Christ's joy, we must suffer with Him.

Christ was our Example in suffering, as we are told by Peter: "For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps." Yes, the Lord entered into all the trials and afflictions of mankind, that He might through actual experience be touched with a feeling of our weakness, thereby becoming a true and faithful High Priest.

The Lord has left us an example of suffering, of enduring hardship and persecution. His persecution began when He was a babe, and continued until He expired on the Cross. He was acquainted with poverty and long hours of toil. "The foxes have holes, and the birds of the air have nests; but the Son of man hath not where to lay his head." He bore the trial of rejection. "He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not. He came unto his own, and his own received him not."

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Ten were healed of leprosy, but one returned to thank Him. Sorrowfully He inquired: "Where are the nine?" He was misunderstood, misquoted, misinterpreted and mistreated. His good works were evil spoken of; and He, Himself, was accused of having a devil. He was betrayed by one of His inner circle, suffered the humiliation of arrest, and endured the sneers, scorn and wrath of a murderous mob crying out for His blood. He saw the criminal Barabbas obtain liberty, while He Himself stood under false accusation. The Roman government, which should have protected Him

in His innocence, "washed its hands" and turned Him over to a blood-thirsty mob who caused Him to be put to death in the most ignominious manner possible.

Now the servant is not greater than his Lord. If Jesus suffered all these things, How can we expect to qualify as His disciples if we are free from trials? In this light, the "fiery trials" that beset the righteous are not so strange.

TRIALS AN EVIDENCE OF DIVINE INTEREST

Many think when they see others suffering financial loss, sickness or death, that they have fallen under divine disfavor. Such may not at all be the case.

In fact, the opposite is often true. Divinely permitted trials are God's agents of purification. These are the instruments by which He perfects His saints. The writer of Hebrews sets this forth most clearly:

"My son, despise not thou the chastening of the Lord, nor faint when thou art rebuked of Him: For whom the Lord loveth He chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom He receiveth. If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the father chasteneth not? But if ye be without chastisement, whereof all are partakers, then are ye bastards and not sons."

"Furthermore we have had fathers of our flesh which corrected us, and we gave them reverence: shall we not much rather be in subjection to the Father of spirits, and live? For they verily for a few days chastened us after their own pleasure; but He for our profit, that we might be partakers of His holiness. Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby."

If, as a child of God, you are passing through dark valleys, it is only needed discipline which you are experiencing, according to this passage of Scripture.

Men have no better aids to heaven than the trials and afflictions that come along life's pathway. Thousands, living Christian lives today, would not be doing so, were it not for the chastening agent of pain and disappointment. Suffering drove them to seek Christ. There are no accidents with God, and we must remember all things that come to us are according to His permissive will. If we rightly relate ourselves to them, the bitterest experiences will prove blessings in disguise.

The home and mill, of a poor man, were washed away by floods. As he stood on the bank after the water had subsided, he was heartbroken and discouraged, for all his earthly possessions were gone — so he thought. However, he chanced to see something on the bank, washed bare by the flood, and said to himself, "It looks like gold." He made a hurried examination. It was gold, and he became rich.

GOD IS FAR-SIGHTED

Human beings are short-sighted people, who cannot see the end from the beginning. God is able to look down the stream of life and determine what will come before it transpires. He knows us far better than we know ourselves. He

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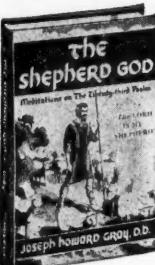


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The World's Greatest Sin

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THE world's greatest SIN is covetousness. What a wholesome world this would be if no one ever broke the tenth commandment, "Thou shalt not covet." Locks on doors would corrode with rust and locksmiths would be turned into blacksmiths, and jails would be turned into gymnasiums, and court rooms into community houses, and Preachers and lawyers would have to search for other employment.

Covetousness is the most fatal of all sins. It is mentioned oftener in the Bible than any other sin. It is classified with the grossest of sins, such as idolatry, adultery and fornication.

The spirit of covetousness is rampant. Men are no longer willing to pray, "Give us this day our daily bread." One man says, "Give me all the oil," another says he wants all the coal; another says he must have all the sugar, another all the wheat, and still another wants all the steel.

Take covetousness out, and you will take all the strikes out, all the trouble that exists between capital and labor out. Take covetousness out, and you will take the liquor traffic out, the white slave traffic out, all the wars out. Yet, you seldom hear a Preacher lift his voice against this sin.

We fight the sin of pride, adultery, profanity, gambling and drunkenness with system and determination, and pass the sin of all sins up. We load our Gospel guns for smaller game; shooting at chipmunks when we ought to be shooting at elephants.

Covetousness made Saul hold back the best of the flock; it made Lot pitch his tent toward the well watered plains of Jordan; it made Balaam step over a heavenly crown and back into hell for a little of Balak's money; it caused Ahab to lie in order to get Naboth's vineyard; it made Achan steal the Babylonish garment and golden wedge; it made Ananias and Sapphira hold back a part of the price, and made Judas sell his Lord for less than eighteen dollars; it caused Adam and Eve to pluck the forbidden fruit. Covetousness made the rich Jewish farmer pull down his barns and build greater, and send his soul to hell.

Covetousness is the rock on which these nine persons went down, and it is significant to note not one of them ever got up again.

You have seen men go down over the sin of adultery and drink and they have been restored, but did you ever witness any man who went down over covetousness, over the love of money, ever come back to God? No wonder Jesus said, "Beware of covetousness which is idolatry," for it is just one short step from covetousness to theft, but that step is as deep as hell.

The covetous man's life is centered in self. The rich Jewish farmer said, "What shall I do, because I have no where to bestow my fruits." He said, "I won't give any of it away but will build a bigger barn and hold on to it."

This self-centered man recognized neither God nor his fellowmen. He was indifferent to every obligation he owed others. He was callous to everything save his own comfort.

This man's progress in material things had outrun his ability to manage them until he had more goods than goodness. In other words things were in the saddle riding him when he should have been in the saddle riding things. His life was centered in things. Goods, fruits and barns are the words of his vocabulary.

They were the major objectives of his living. He was more concerned about "making a living," than "making a life."

There is nothing wrong in things. It is only when things become the master and man becomes the slave! He had lost his appreciation of values. "Eat, drink and be merry" is a fool's philosophy. Don't let us live on the mean basis of appreciation, always getting and never giving. Our lives are not to be cisterns; they are to be channels. They are not to be "reservoirs;" they are to be rivers. Of what value to the world is the life of one who is always getting and never giving. He is as a fruitless tree that cumbers the ground.

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OUTREACH OF THE CHURCH

Acts 11:19-30. 12:24. 13:1-4.

GOLDEN TEXT: "And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." Mark 16:15.

1. GOD'S PLAN FOR MAN. The Church has business to transact—the biggest business in the world. It is the custodian of a system of truth which every human being needs. It has a supernatural origin, and exists to perform a supernatural service. Its Founder never intended it to deteriorate to the level of a human institution, rendering mere humanitarian service.

Paul says God has "made known unto us the mystery of his will," namely, that "he might gather together in one, all things in Christ." God's contact with the world is through His Son. The Son's contact with society is through His Church.

God's plan for redeeming man must be known. His purpose can be hindered only by man's failure to carry out the Great Commission. Some one has said:

"Blessed is the evangelist who every year converts hundreds, and thousands. Blessed is the Church that glories not so much in great scholars, as in great preachers. Blessed is the Church that

crowds this evangelism into every suburb, into every school district, and into every family circle of the community. We want all the people, all the world, for Christ. Every soul rescued from sin is a soul saved from death."

2. THE CHURCH REACHING OUT. Each of us has an individual responsibility. "I will make you fishers of men," said the Christ.

The Holy Spirit has enlightened your mind, warmed your heart and placed a testimony on your lips. You possess greater knowledge than can possibly be acquired through human learning. Nothing known in science or philosophy equals the wisdom God has given you. Now, it is up to you to PUT YOUR KNOWLEDGE TO WORK. You have an obligation to those about you, who live in spiritual darkness.

Said Peter: "I go a fishing." Other disciples joined him. They entered a ship. All night they toiled, but caught nothing. With the sunrise, came the risen Christ. He stood on the shore. "Cast thy net on the right side of the ship," shouted the Master. They obeyed. "They were not able to draw it (the net) for the multitude of fishes."

Let it be noted that Christ told them to cast on the "right side." That made it difficult for the men to pull their nets. They were obliged to work with left hand, and most people are righthanded. Yes it is difficult to win souls. IT'S HARD WORK!

Jesus of Nazareth founded the Church upon His own ignominy and death . . . a kingdom not of this world, yet meant

for all nations; a dominion over the hearts and consciences of men, ruled by Him in truth and love, universal and eternal.

While Jesus yet seemed only a humble peasant, without a soldier to command or a cent to call His own, the blood trickling down His face from a crown of thorns, He answered with dignity the question of Pilate—Art thou a king? by saying, "I am a king, and hereafter you shall see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of power and coming in the clouds of heaven."

Three days later, He arose from the dead. Forty days later, He ascended into Heaven after bidding His disciples to go into all the world, and preach His Gospel to every creature. After ten more days, the Holy Spirit came upon those disciples, and they were changed men. From cowardly, cringing creatures, they emerged fearless and "rejoiced that they were counted worthy to suffer shame for his name." Every one was to suffer persecution, exile and death. Not one faltered or turned back. And they "rejoiced that they were counted worthy to suffer shame for his name." Each of those men endured persecution and death. Not one faltered or turned back. The gates of hell cannot prevail against the supernatural, transforming, regenerating, creative power of Christ's glorious Gospel.

3. THE OUTREACH AT ANTIOPH. Persecution scattered the Jerusalem congregation. The Jews became increasingly furious after the stoning of Stephen. The followers of Christ were tortured, tormented, murdered, driven into exile. But the record says, they "went every-

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Antioch, situated sixteen miles from the Mediterranean coast and three hundred miles north of Jerusalem, founded about 300 B. C., became the third city in size and importance of the Roman Empire. Having been spurned and abused by Jews, the disciples reaching Antioch "spake unto the Grecians, preaching the Lord Jesus . . . and a great number believed." In other words, they took the Gospel to the Gentiles.

Barnabas, former leader of the parent congregation at Jerusalem, was Pastor of the Antioch Church. Duties became so heavy that he sent for Paul to come as a co-worker. Since Barnabas had been the first to take the converted persecutor by the hand and procure for him recognition as a disciple, he alone seems to have discerned those peculiar endowments, by which Paul would later eclipse all others.

The congregation at Antioch was a Missionary body. Fortunately for the early Church, this group looked to the regions beyond. They made it possible for Paul and Barnabas to pioneer new areas, and come West with the Gospel. We are today feeling the impact of these exertions.

"The disciples were called CHRISTIANS first in Antioch." The name originated, not within the congregation, but from the outside—not with Jewish enemies who called them "Nazarenes," but among Romans and Greeks out of respect for their piety. The term means "anointed one." Thus, Christians having been set apart for the work of priests and prophets, partake also of Christ's official title.

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The word was not spoken in derision. Antioch was one place where the Church enjoyed freedom. The rapid growth of the membership indicates the new teaching was popular. We are urged to "glorify Christ in that name." Peter honored the word by saying: "If any man suffer as a Christian, let him not be ashamed."

Lesson No. 2

November 25, 1945

CHRISTIANS IN THE COMMUNITY

John 17:20-23, Acts 15:22-29.

GOLDEN TEXT: "For we are laborers together with God." I Corinthians 3:9.

1. UNION OR UNITY. Our Lord's prayer, in the Lesson for this week, is concerned primarily with UNITY, rather than UNION. The existence of denominational differences is a blessing, and not a handicap. Different types of people naturally create different external forms of worship. This is proper—so

long, of course, as the fundamental doctrines of the Faith are in no way violated.

Efforts toward uniting various groups, moving toward federation of all churches, is a dangerous, ominous sign of the times. This trend may be expected, however, in the light of Bible prophecy. When the scheme is culminated, the Babylon of Revelation or bride of the Antichrist, will be established on earth. "I saw a woman sit upon a scarlet coloured beast, full of names of blasphemy . . . And the woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet colour, and decked with gold . . . and upon her forehead was a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH."

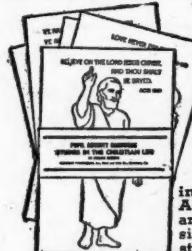
This is the Scriptural picture of Church Union. Many denominational mergers have taken place the last few years, and others are to follow. The Satanic motivation is unmistakably clear.

Union is defined as uniting or joining together two or more things. Unity carries the thought of a state of oneness, in which harmony of thought, purpose and will exists. A man and woman may be legally united in marriage, without a blending of natures, and live in a state of unhappiness and frustration. That is union without unity.

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this truth, as follows: "We know we have passed from death unto life, because we LOVE THE BRETHREN." In this statement we find the only premise for harmony among believers.

Jesus prayed, "That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee." Thus, He put the matter of unity strictly upon a spiritual basis. The life of Christ, imparted to regenerate mortals, is "the tie that binds." No human effort, organizing genius, ecclesiastical politics or mechanical maneuvering can be successfully substituted.

"Keep them." "Sanctify them." How dearly our Lord loves the Christian! The first is negative, asking protection for them from the poisonous element which surrounds and presses in upon the believer. The second is positive, asking for their advancement and completion—complete dedication to the will of the Father.

2. CHRISTIAN UNITY DEMONSTRATED. Paul and Barnabas returned to Antioch and found the Church torn by dissension. A controversy had risen over the manner of receiving Gentile converts into fellowship. Certain Judaizers came to Antioch from Jerusalem, "and taught the brethren and said, Except ye be circumcised after the manner of Moses, ye cannot be saved."

Here was an unmistakable conflict between Christianity and Judaism. Paul and Barnabas were chosen to head a delegation for the purpose of spreading the matter before the apostles and elders at Jerusalem, so that an official ruling might be obtained. There was an extended public discussion. Finally Peter arose and made one of the most important pronouncements in all the history of the Church. (It is recorded in Acts 15:7-11.)

He explained that circumcision and other physical observances, contained in the Mosaic code, came in the category of "Works" . . . whereas, salvation is by "the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ." Everyone agreed. The decision was reduced to writing. Had the Judaizers succeeded at that point, in subverting the doctrine of Grace, the true Christian testimony might have been forever lost to the world.

This is the first mention in the New Testament, of writing as an element in the development of the Church. The document was couched in strong language. The men who spread the teachings of salvation by Works at Antioch, had no authorization whatever from the Jerusalem headquarters. They were denounced as being guilty of "subvert-

ing your souls." The delegation returned to Antioch "gathered the multitude together, and delivered the epistle."

3. RESULTS OF THE DEMONSTRATION. The statement composed by the Church authorities at Jerusalem, concluded with these words: "For it seemed good to the Holy Ghost, and to us, to lay upon you no greater burden than these necessary things; that ye abstain from meats offered to idols, and from blood, and from things strangled, and from fornication: from which if ye keep yourselves, ye shall do well. Fare ye well."

Careful note should be taken of the words: "It seemed good to the Holy Ghost, and to us."

The third Person of the eternal Trinity was given pre-eminence. He is the true Leader in Church affairs. How few twentieth century congregations actually rely upon Him for guidance! James followed Peter, addressing the conclave described above and said that the Holy Ghost was then in the act of calling out from among the Gentiles, "a people for his name."

We, the members of the Body of Christ, are CALLED OUT ONES. May we have Grace to behave ourselves accordingly!

Lesson No. 3

December 2, 1945

THE CHRISTIAN AND
MONEY

Deut. 8:17-18; Luke 12:13-21.

GOLDEN TEXT: "A man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he posseseth." Luke 12:15.

1. GOD'S PROVIDENTIAL CARE. Be it said to the credit of our Nation, that we continue to set aside one day out of each year as a festival for national Thanksgiving. How utterly selfish and insipid for frail mortals to breathe God's air, bask in His sunshine, consume the produce of His soil, clothe their bodies with substances which He provides—

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"The earth is the Lord's, and the fulness thereof: the world, and they that dwell therein." In this connection let us quote Deuteronomy 8:7, "For the Lord thy God bringeth thee into a good land, a land of brooks of water, of fountains and depths that spring out of valleys and hills."

Persons who feel a sense of dependence upon God, acknowledging His presence and care in all things, make the happiest and best citizens. "God giveth thee power to get wealth." Dr. Adam Clarke says: "Who among the rich and wealthy believes this saying? Who gives wisdom, skill, bodily strength, and health? Is it not God? And without these also can wealth be acquired? No. Then the proposition is self-evident: it is God that giveth power to get wealth, and to God the wealthy man must account for the manner in which he has expended the riches which God hath given him."

2. MATERIAL WEALTH. "But thou shalt remember the Lord thy God: for it is he that giveth thee power to get wealth." Men of wealth and achievement are sometimes condemned without cause. Under the American system of free enterprise, the man who works hard and exercises mental acumen, can get ahead. Many present leaders of industry once lived in abject poverty. Under dictatorship, every citizen is a slave to the ruling clique at the top. The masses are terrorized and kept in subjection by secret police and a spy system.

Granted that some men acquiring riches, become cruel, selfish and hard-hearted, there are notable exceptions. Such men will pay for their evil deeds in the long run. They have dwarfed their souls. On the other hand, there are many wealthy people who find supreme joy in giving of their substance for the support of Christ's Cause. But whether one's possessions be small or great, they constitute "wealth" in the light of Deuteronomy 8:18 . . . and we should think of ourselves simply as cus-

todians of God's substance, co-workers with Him.

"Master, speak to my brother," pleaded a man in distress. Here am I, the victim of injustice, suffering at the hands of my own brother who withholds from me my rightful share of the inheritance that has fallen to us! In earlier times, it was a custom of Moses to judge in such matters. The nature of our Lord's reply was such as to repudiate the office Moses had assumed: "Man, who made me a judge or divider over you?" Then Jesus related the parable of the Lesson.

"Take heed, and beware of covetousness." The soil of a rich man produced much grain. The owner built huge granaries and filled them. He accumulated riches. "I will say to my soul, Soul, thou hast much goods laid up; eat, drink, and be merry. But God said, thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee."

Why is this misguided man described as foolish? (1) Because he deemed a life of earthly abundance, the summit of human felicity. He did not properly compute values. (2) Because, relying upon material riches, he failed to properly prepare for an everlasting future. His vision was blurred. He clutched one world so firmly that he lost two.

3. WILL A MAN ROB GOD? A prize was once offered for the best answer to the question, "What is money?" The winner submitted the following answer: "Money is a universal provider for everything but happiness, and a passport to everything but heaven." In the Lesson for today, our Lord warns very definitely against the deceitfulness of riches.

"Will a man rob God," queried the prophet Malachi.

Dr. D. B. Eastep, a Baptist Pastor, says: "Yes, I have some robbers in my congregation. They are nice, pleasant robbers, not at all the brutal, hard-boiled type we read about in the newspapers. They smile, they are polite, they mix in the best circles, but they are robbers. They do not rob men. Evil as such a crime would be, theirs is worse. They rob God. There are robbers of God in

every congregation where every individual is not giving as he should give according to the New Testament requirements."

Lesson No. 4

December 9, 1945

CHRISTIANS AS CITIZENS

Matthew 5:13-16, 43-48;
I Peter 2:13-17, 4:2-4.

GOLDEN TEXT: "Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord." Psalms 33:12.

1. THE CHURCH, A PRESERVING AGENCY. The Beatitudes belong to the Church now. They will become the accepted code for the world later, during the Millennial age. The spiritually-minded persons whom our Lord identifies as "blessed," collectively comprise the "salt of the earth." To preserve it from corruption, to season its insipidity, to freshen and sweeten it! The value of salt for these purposes is referred to by classical writers as well as in Scripture.

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besides supplying a needed element to the body.

Here in America, it may be somewhat difficult to understand how salt loses its savor, since we are accustomed to buying it in a pure state. But in Christ's time, no plan was known for purging it of impurities. A traveler in Palestine tells of seeing a vein partly exposed. He discovered, while it had all the appearance of salt, the taste was gone. It had "lost its savor." However, deep down, next to the rock, pure salty salt was found.

The same condition exists with a person who is not close to the Rock, Christ Jesus. He may have the appearance of a Christian until a time of severe testing takes place. Storm and adversity render him useless. His testimony has a metallic sound. The savor is gone.

When a Church apostatizes, it becomes worthless, ready "to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men." The Romans sometimes sprinkled savorless salt on their highways. A worldly, apostate Church, its pulpit occupied by an unbelieving infidel Modernist, commands no respect, is viewed with contempt by the world and subjected to scorn.

Moral decay was far advanced in the days of Jesus. Neither Paganism nor Judaism could supply a preservative. The social structure was putrid to the core. But Jesus offered something to save men from complete putrefaction. The Church, founded upon Him, is the only institution which can keep back the insidious canker of moral decay. It is the salt of the earth. Having the Word of God, so long as it remains loyal, it will stand as the preserver of the race. There was not enough salt in the days of Noah or in Sodom to restrain the forces of destruction. The prophecies predict a similar state of affairs in the "last days." Society is falling to pieces today, due to a spiritual "falling away" in the Church.

2. THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD. Jesus probably pointed toward the Sun when He said: "Ye are the light of the world."

This source of light to the physical world cannot be hidden when once it has risen. Likewise, a city built on a hill-top is seen for miles by those approaching it. Jesus is the Sun of righteousness, the Light to those in darkness. The Church is like a full Moon, reflecting His presence to the world. Hence Solomon's typological description of the Church as being: "Fair as the moon, clear as the sun, and terrible as an army with banners."

Christians are spiritually-illuminated beings, shining like bright lights in a dark place—lamps for Christ, dispelling darkness in their immediate vicinity. On rainy days in Chicago, bootblacks step into buildings and put little tags in the windows, saying: "SHINE INSIDE." Let that be a motto for believers.

There are many ways to shine for Him. By "your good works"—gracious words and deeds. These works may consist in living an exemplary life, praying, giving, testifying, winning others to Christ. "Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven."

3. THE CHURCH AND THE HIGHER LAW. The Mosaic system contained many elements utterly repugnant, and thoroughly shocking to Christian sensibilities. It did not exactly command hatred for one's enemies, but was so constructed as to grant license in that direction. The term "neighbor" was applied only to members of the Jewish race. All other people were considered natural enemies. This produced a hate psychosis that has resulted in great crimes against Christians, and Gentile society. Judgment upon Jewry will be the result during the end-time of the present age.

The Jewish Talmud therefore became the most vicious, vile and unspeakably terrible code ever created. One comparatively mild provision, regarding the attitude of the Jew toward non-Jews says: "If a Jew sees a Gentile fall into the sea, let him by no means lift him out; for it is written, Thou shalt not rise

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up against the blood of thy neighbor; but this is not thy neighbor."

But Jesus came teaching: "Love your enemies, bless them that curse you; do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you; that ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust."

Except for the Talmud, the Jews would have accepted Christ. Our Lord denounced this inhuman document and called it "tradition." In Matthew 15:3, He asked the Jewish leaders: "Why do ye transgress the commandment of God by your tradition?"

Those who know not the Lord, may wonder at the temperate and godly lives of Christians, thinking it strange they can renounce things the world calls pleasure. The natural man cannot understand spiritual things, and they seem foolish to him, but the Christian knows "the peace of God which passeth all understanding," and will keep it, even in the face of suffering, persecution and death.

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